A stylized illustration of a sunflower with a large brown center and yellow petals on the left. On the right, a hand in an orange sleeve holds a grey watering can with a green four-leaf clover logo, pouring water onto a green plant stem with four leaves. The background is light blue with white clouds, and the bottom is a dark green grassy field.

# **Chester County 4-H**

2018-2019  
Annual Report

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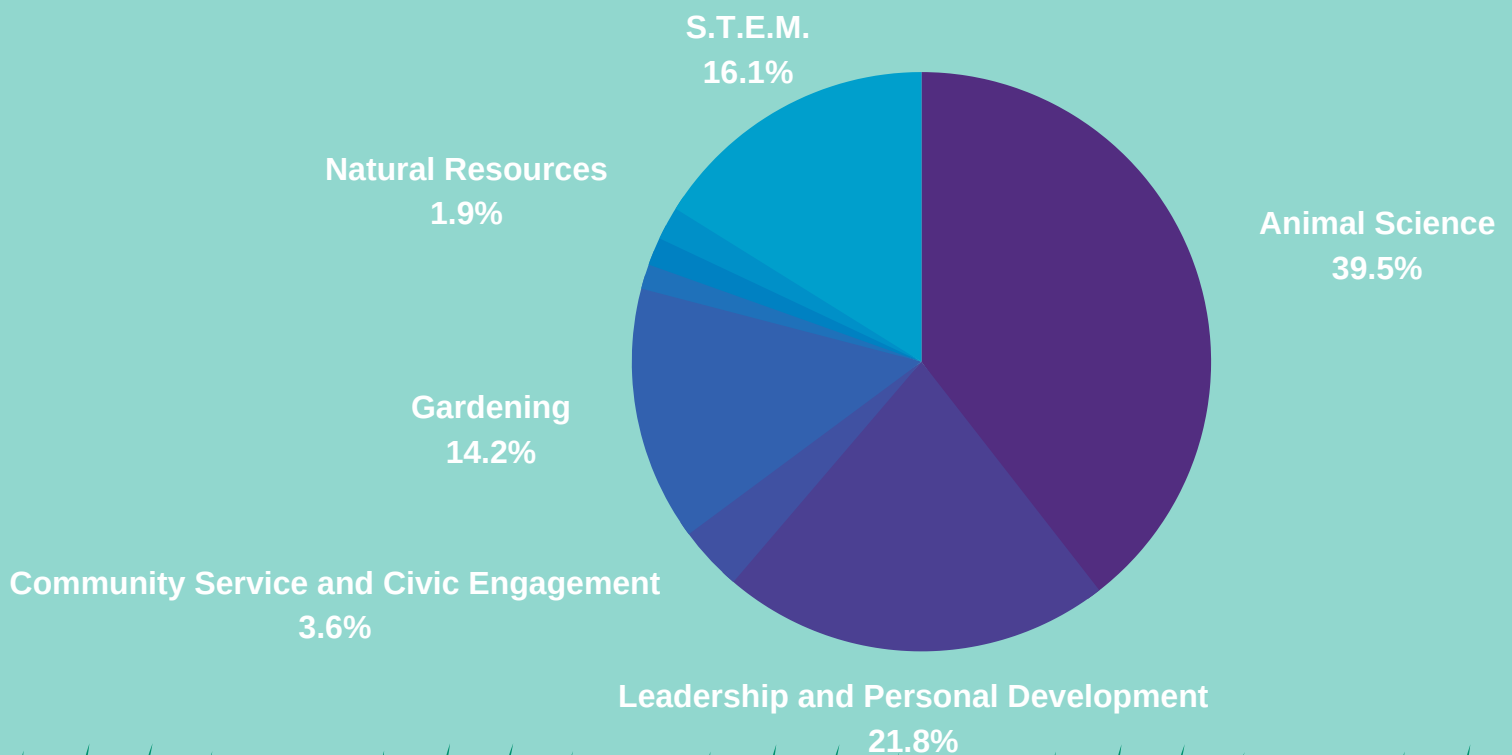


# Investing in South Carolina's Future

4-H is a community of young people across America who are learning leadership, citizenship, and life skills. The South Carolina 4-H Youth Development Program uses a learn-by-doing approach, the involvement of caring adults, and the knowledge and resources of Clemson University and the land grant university system to empower youth to become healthy, productive, and contributing members of society.



## Program Topics during the 2018-2019 Club Year

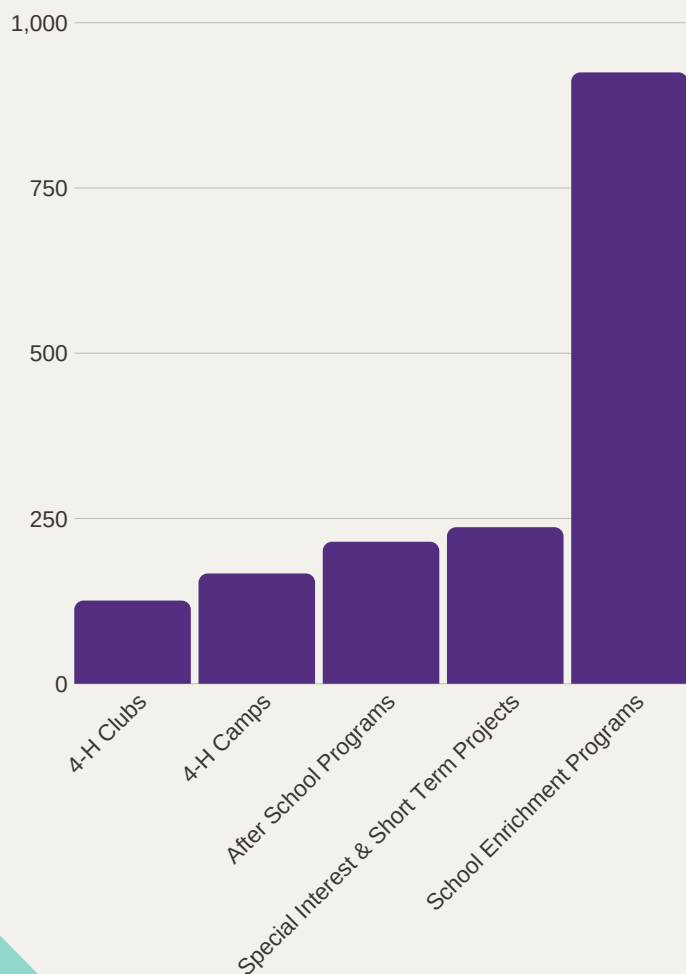


Volunteers are the heart of 4-H. Thank you to the 2018-2019 volunteers for your hard work and dedication to shaping youth into confident, caring, and contributing leaders.



## 2018-2019 Chester Programs Total Participation: 1665 Youth

When most people think of 4-H, they think of 4-H clubs. Although 4-H clubs are the most commonly known and meaningful long-term experience, there are many ways 4-H reaches youth. Each “delivery mode” serves a different purpose but all are potentially useful for serving youth, ages 5-19, and meeting their diverse needs.



Together,  
we impacted  
1665 Youth!

Community &  
School Clubs

4-H After  
School  
Programs

4-H Camping  
Programs

Special  
Interest &  
Short Term  
Projects

4-H School  
Enrichment  
Programs



Did you know that it takes 21 days for a chicken egg to hatch? One of the most popular 4-H School Enrichment programs is Chick Embryology. Students learn about living things, life cycles and habitats by hatching chicks in the classroom. This program is currently offered free of charge in Chester County.



# Snapshots from 2018-2019

Chester County Senior Members Carson Marino and Khayla Johnson were elected to serve as Midlands District Representatives on the State Teen Council. The purpose of the State 4-H Teen Council is to serve as the leadership team that plans, organizes and implements statewide teen initiatives and events.



Kesha Horton, longtime Chester 4-H volunteer, and the Youth Cultural Summit team finished their goal of visiting all 46 South Carolina counties. The group visited historic sites, cultural events and other Clemson Extension offices during the series of day trips.

Matthew Stradford was chosen as one of ten youth to represent South Carolina 4-H at National 4-H Congress in Atlanta, GA. National 4-H Congress is a five-day event that engages high school aged 4-H members in leadership, citizenship, global awareness, and inclusion.



Leah Mynhier, Chester and York 4-H Member enjoyed learning the basics of cake decorating at one of the many day camps offered over the summer. Skills learned in 4-H will last a lifetime!



## Our Mission

Clemson University Cooperative Extension 4-H Youth Development uses a learn-by-doing approach to help youth gain the knowledge and skills to be responsible, productive and contributing members of society. This mission is accomplished by creating safe and inclusive learning environments, involvement of caring adults, and utilizing the expertise and resources of Clemson University and the nationwide land-grant university system.



Katie Glenn was the 2019 recipient of the Spirit of 4-H Award and scholarship. This award is given to a young person who shows outstanding spirit and exemplifies the 4-Hs - head, heart, hands, and health. Glenn has logged more than 400 hours of community service in Chester County.



Khayla and Layla Johnson of Great Falls were the 2018-2019 State 4-H Ambassadors for Chester County. The purpose of the 4-H Ambassador Program is to enhance and utilize the leadership, citizenship, and communication skills of 4-H teens and volunteers. Ambassadors are the public image of 4-H across the state.



The Chester County 4-H Horse Club and Gaston Farm 4-H Club sent a total of sixteen participants to the state 4-H Horse Bowl and Hippology Competition. These contests test the participants' knowledge of horses and horse related topics. Contest elements include a quiz bowl, written exam, horse judging, identification of items and their uses, and team problem solving.

## Our Vision

Clemson University Cooperative Extension 4-H Youth Development will enhance the lives of youth in South Carolina by providing positive youth development programs relating to the areas of agriculture, community engagement and leadership, healthy living, and science.



# Snapshots from 2018-2019

The Chester County "Souper Stars" placed second at the 4-H Healthy Lifestyles Challenge at the SC State Fair. The 4-H Healthy Lifestyles Challenge allows 4-H members to demonstrate their culinary skills, food safety practices, and public speaking ability.



Chester County 4-H partnered with York County 4-H to offer an exciting Natural Resources Day Camp at Landsford Canal State Park. The campers especially enjoyed catching and identifying macro-invertebrates.

## Learn by Doing

Savannah Caston is a third generation Chester county 4-H member, and participates in a variety of 4-H horse contests. This year she placed 1st in Stakes at the Southern Regional 4-H Horse Championship in Perry, GA. She competed against 4-H members from around the country!



Each spring, 4-H hosts two state leadership weekends for Seniors (ages 14-19) and Juniors (ages 9-13). This year, eight participants represented Chester County. The theme was "4-H Boot Camp."

**Proven  
Results**

**5x**

MORE LIKELY TO  
GRADUATE  
COLLEGE

**2x**

MORE LIKELY TO  
PURSUE A CAREER  
IN SCIENCE

**3x**

MORE PHYSICALLY  
ACTIVE THAN  
NON 4-H'ERS

**4x**

MORE LIKELY TO  
CONTRIBUTE TO THEIR  
COMMUNITIES





4-H civic engagement programs empower young people to be well-informed citizens who are actively engaged in their communities and the world. Each March, 4-H members, volunteers, and staff visit the South Carolina State House during 4-H Legislative Day. Participants tour the state house grounds, visit with legislators, and participate in a ceremony on the front steps. This year, Rep. Randy Ligon, 4-H alumni and Chester County resident, was the keynote speaker. Twelve youth represented Chester County 4-H at the event.



Each summer, 4-H members from across South Carolina convene at Clemson University for 4-H State Congress. This year, Chester County had the largest delegation in the state - seven youth! The goal of State 4-H Congress – a four day personal development conference - is to motivate teens to expand their 4-H knowledge and leadership skills while celebrating and recognizing teens who “make the best better”.



## 4-H Essential Elements of Youth Development

**MASTERY**  
Enhancing participation in engaged learning experiences to grow new skills.

**GENEROSITY**  
Providing and appreciating service to others

**BELONGING**  
Developing positive relationships with caring adults

**INDEPENDENCE**  
Presenting frequent opportunities for self-discipline and responsibility

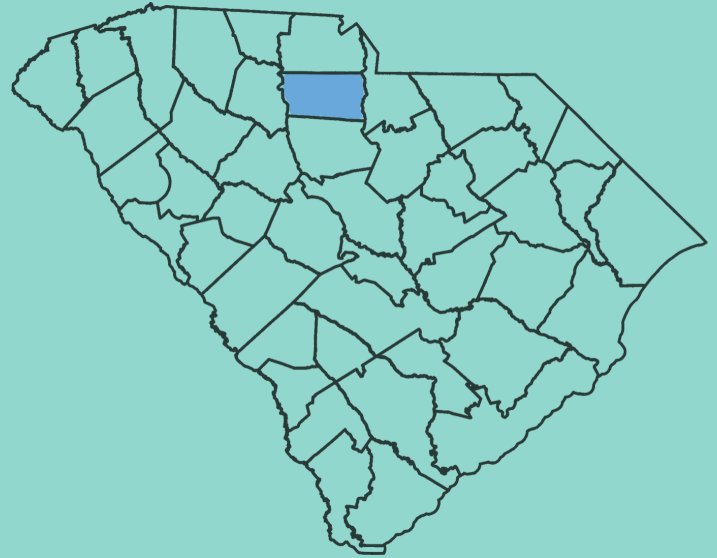


## 4-H Pledge

I pledge my head to clearer thinking,  
My heart to greater loyalty,  
My hands to larger service,  
and my health to better living,  
for my club, my community,  
my country, and my world.

## 4-H Motto

To Make the Best Better



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Thank you  
for helping  
our youth  
grow!

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